

Remarks/Arguments

The foregoing amendments are in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 10 - 16 were pending in this application.

Claim 10 is cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 11 - 16 are allowed.

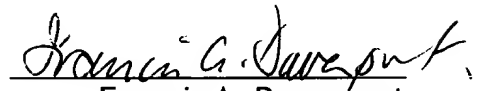
In view of the preceding claim cancellation, the present application is in condition for allowance which is respectfully requested.

Included herewith is a an IDS containing a search report from the EPO for the corresponding European application. Patentability of applicant's invention is not disturbed by the prior art contained in the subject search report.

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